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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD

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The Honorable William K. Reilly Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 401 M Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

> Subject: Science Advisory Board Notification of a Consultation on the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's draft study on Superfund site Populations at Risk.

Dear Mr. Reilly:

On April 7, 1992, the Environmental Health Committee (EHC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) met with staff of the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response and conducted a consultation on EPA's approach to estimating population risks from hazardous waste sites. The SAB has developed the consultation as a mechanism to advise the Agency on technical issues that should be considered in the development of regulations, guidelines, or technical guidance before the Agency has taken a position. A consultation is conducted under the normal provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which includes advance notice of the public meeting in the Federal Register. A response to this consultation from the Agency is not solicited.

We believe that this consultation achieved its goal by identifying several important issues that EPA could consider in developing its risk estimates. As is our customary practice, this consultation does not constitute a formal report from the SAB. However, individual members of the panel may provide comments, or the Committee may provide more guidance at a later date in a Commentary or through a formal review.

We look forward to advising the Agency in the future by consultations as well as through more formal scientific reviews.

Sincerely,

Arthur C. Upton, Chair

Environmental Health Committee

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Raymond Loehr, Chairman

Science Advisory Board